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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS VISIT

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO DECLINE
DFA OFFER OF HOSPITALITY OUT OF REGARD FOR CONCERNS
EXPRESSED IN STATE 7278, STATE 27958, AND LAGOS 1219 WHICH
WE FELT RAN SERIOUS RISK OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY HARMFUL
TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED BOTH IN SA AND US.
FURTHERMORE, YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO SAG AUTHORITIES THAT WE
FELT THAT DFA RECEPTION WOULD HAVE PROJECTED AN UNWARRANTED
OFFICIAL CAST TO VISIT OF WHITE HOUSEFELLOWS (WHF). VISIT
OF WHF IS AN INFORMATIONAL TRIP WHICH WHF ANNUALLY MAKES
ABROAD AND WE HAD INTENDED TO KEEP VISIT TO SA LOW-KEY AND
TO AVOID PUBLICITY. AIM WAS TO PROVIDE WHF WITH EXPOSURE
TO VARIED ELEMENTS THAT MAKE UP COMPLEX SOUTH AFRICAN
SCENE. PROPOSED DFA AND BANTU ADMINISTRATION BRIEFINGS
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WILL PROVIDE GENEROUS SAG INPUT.

2. PURPOSE OF SUBSTITUTE AMERICAN EMBASSY-HOSTED MULTI-RACIAL SOCIAL EVENT SUGGESTED IN TELCOM WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MORE APPROPRIATE SETTING FOR BRINGING TOGETHER

WHF WITH DFA OFFICIALS, THEIR INTENDED GUESTS, AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF SA SOCIETY. DEPARTMENT HOPES THIS MIGHT STILL BE POSSIBLE.

3. AMBASSADOR ROSS MADE ABOVE POINTS TO SA AMBASSADOR BOTHA IN RESPONSE TO HIS TELEPHONE CALL. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO MAKE THESE POINTS TO DFA AND IN BRIEFING OF WHF. KISSINGER

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